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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3002nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 August 1991, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "Admission of new Members", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the members:

"In my capacity as President of the Security Council and on behalf of the members of the Council, I should like to underscore the historic importance of the resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Federated States of Micronesia to membership in the United Nations. This resolution is without a doubt the logical follow-up to resolution 683 (1990), adopted by the Security Council on 22 December 1990, by which it terminated the trusteeship arrangement for the Territories of Micronesia.

For the Security Council as well as for the Trusteeship Council, and for the United Nations as a whole, this resolution marks the culmination of an effort sustained over decades to enable the peoples of these Territories to take charge of their destiny and assume the place to which they are entitled in the community of nations.

The universality of our Organization is steadily becoming a reality and gaining in significance as more and more of the States which make up the world community are admitted to membership.

The founders of our Organization had precisely that objective in mind, namely the formation of a single, universal entity in which all States would share responsibility for the preservation of international peace and security without distinction as to level of economic development, size of population, military might or any other factor.

The Federated States of Micronesia will make an outstanding contribution to the United Nations by bringing to it an innovative approach and a fresh perspective on world affairs, in order to promote changes in established practices, many of which, as all the Members of the Organization are aware, are in need of renewal.

On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Federated States of Micronesia on the decision which the Council has adopted recommending to the General Assembly its admission to membership in the United Nations."